

REMARKS

Claims 19, 20 and 25-27 are amended. Claims 19-27 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-43 are in the application.

Claims 19, 20 and 25-27 are amended to insert more grammatically preferred hyphenation. Absolutely no change in scope occurs thereby, and accordingly such amendments do not go to patentability. Entry of the amendments is requested.

Claims 1-18 and 28-43 stand rejected as being obvious over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0186515 to Dean et al. However, the undersigned notes that the Dean et al. reference qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). The undersigned hereby asserts that the subject matter of Dean et al. and the inventions claimed herein were owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Micron Technology, Inc. at the time the inventions claimed herein were made. Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(c), Dean et al. cannot preclude patentability, and is not a citable prior art reference in this application. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection in the next office action. No admission is made as to the propriety of the Examiner's action even assuming the cited publication were prior art.

This application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance,
and action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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